

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1034 - HB 1513

March 29, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates the *Textbook Transparency Act*. Requires, by January 1, 2022, electronic versions of textbooks adopted by local education agencies and public charter schools to be stored on an electronic database developed by the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), which is accessible to the public free of charge at each public university's main campus library.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$2,000/FY21-22/STS
\$500/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/STS

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$2,000/FY21-22/General Fund
Exceeds \$500/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/
General Fund

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006051): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the online versions of textbooks and instructional materials to include all pictures and graphs which are included in the distributed versions. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) and each local education agency (LEA) to post links provided by publishers on their respective websites and keep such links active for the duration of the usage of the textbooks or materials.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2203(d)(3), publishers are required to make all textbooks and instructional materials available for inspection by LEAs and the public online.
- The proposed language will require publishers to provide links to current materials and for the DOE and LEAs to post such links to their websites.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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